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Newest Listings in the National Register of Historic Places

The **Ashwood School Gymnasium and Auditorium**, in the Bishopville vicinity of Lee County was listed in the National Register of Historic Places on May 25, 2011. It was built in 1938 to serve Ashwood Plantation, the first and largest of the Resettlement Administration (RA) project tracts in South Carolina, a New Deal program intended to convert defunct plantation or farm land into a self-sustaining community of independent farms. It is significant for the role it has played in politics and government and the social history of the Lee County community, and architecturally as an excellent and remarkably intact example of Resettlement Administration architecture in the simplified Colonial Revival style. The building served as the school and community gymnasium for athletics, dances, and community meetings and as an auditorium for dramatic performances and films. To see photographs and the nomination form go to <http://www.nationalregister.sc.gov/lee/S10817731019/index.htm>.

The **Montgomery Building** in downtown Spartanburg was listed in the National Register of Historic Places on May 25, 2011. Built in 1924, the Montgomery Building is significant in the areas of commerce and entertainment/recreation for its association with the commercial and entertainment history of Spartanburg from 1924 to 1958, including its association with the development of the post-1920s textile industry and with the Montgomery family, textile leaders in the South for more than 150 years. It is also significant architecturally as an excellent example of a Chicago skeletal frame construction skyscraper, designed by Lockwood Greene & Company, an architectural and engineering firm from Boston, Massachusetts. The Montgomery Building was the

tallest building in Spartanburg until the 1950s. To see photographs and the nomination form go to <http://www.nationalregister.sc.gov/spartanburg/S10817742064/index.htm>.

State Board of Review to Meet July 22

The South Carolina State Board of Review for the National Register of Historic Places will meet on Friday, July 22 at 10:30 a.m. at the Archives and History Center. The Board will consider the following nominations to the National Register:

- Shiloh Presbyterian Church Cemetery (Blacksburg vicinity, Cherokee County; and Grover vicinity, Cleveland County, North Carolina)
- Southern Railway Depot (Ninety Six, Greenwood County)
- Retreat Rosenwald School (Westminster vicinity, Oconee County)

The public is welcome to attend the meeting. For more information, contact Andy Chandler at chandler@scdah.state.sc.us or 803-896-6179.

Guidance on Researching Mid-Century / Modern Properties

The SHPO has just released Preservation Hotline #13: "Researching a Mid-Century / Modern Property". It describes a wide range of sources that can be useful when investigating the history of properties from post WWII through the 1970s. All of our Preservation Hotlines are available online at <http://shpo.sc.gov/forms/hotlines.htm>.

Local History Awards Given

The Confederation of South Carolina Local Historical Societies recognizes historical organizations and individuals for outstanding achievements in local history through its annual award program. For more information about the Confederation and a list of their 2011 award winners visit <http://www.palmettohistory.org/confederation/>.

Humanities Council^{SC} Seeks Nominations for Governor's Awards in the Humanities

The Governor's Awards in the Humanities recognize outstanding achievement in humanities research, teaching, and scholarship; institutional and individual participation in helping communities in South Carolina better understand our cultural heritage; excellence defining South Carolina's cultural life to the nation or world; and exemplary support for public humanities programs. Fifty-six individuals and organizations have received awards from 1991-2010. **The deadline for nominations is June 30, 2011.** More information, including nomination guidelines and a list of past winners is at <http://schumanities.org/home/newsstory/419> or by calling 803-771-2477.

Preservation Easements Court Ruling

The US Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia affirmed a Tax Court Ruling that allowed a taxpayer to take a charitable deduction for a preservation easement that had been challenged by the IRS. To read more about the case and its implications for property owners and organizations that hold easements see the National Trust for Historic Preservation's blog entry for June 23

<http://blog.preservationnation.org/2011/06/23/appeals-court-ruling-offers-positive-news-for-easement-donors/>.

Advisory Council Seeks Comments on Section 106 Regulations

The Advisory Council on Historic Preservation (ACHP) is seeking input on its plan to review the regulations implementing Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act. This request for public comment is the ACHP's first step in complying with Executive Order 13563, "Improving Regulation and Regulatory Review" (EO) which directs federal agencies to review existing significant regulations and identify those that can be made more effective or less burdensome in achieving regulatory objectives. For information on how to respond, please go to www.achp.gov/EO_13563.pdf . **The ACHP is accepting comments until July 1, 2011** after which it will revise the plan and make it available to the public.

National Trust Announces 11 Most Endangered List

The National Trust for Historic Preservation has released its annual list of most endangered historic sites in the country. The annual list, issued since 1988, highlights significant historic places that face a wide range of threats and span the country and our history. For more information about the program, and to see the 2011 list go to <http://www.preservationnation.org/issues/11-most-endangered/>.

Conferences/Workshops/Events

Main Street South Carolina's Professional and Personal Development Workshop "It's a Circus Out There: Better Work on Your Balancing Act", July 27 - 29, 2011, Greenville, SC. For more information see <http://www.masc.sc/Training/Pages/detail.aspx?event=384> or contact Beppie LeGrand at 803-933-1231, blegrand@masc.sc.

15th Annual International Preservation Trades Workshop, August 2 - 6, 2011, Lancaster, PA. Visit www.iptw.org for more information and registration, or email info@ptn.org.

Commemoration: The Promise of Remembrance and New Beginnings: American Association for State and Local History 2011 Annual Meeting, September 14 -17, 2011, Richmond, VA. The Civil War Sesquicentennial and the 10th Anniversary of 9/11 serve as the back-drop to this conversation of commemoration and how we experience our past. For information, see www.aaslh.org. **A limited number of travel scholarships are available, with application deadlines of June 30 & July 1. For more information go to <http://www.aaslh.org/2011AMScholarships.htm>.**

NEW South Carolina Humanities Festival, October 1 - 9, 2011, Sumter. Hosted by the Sumter County Cultural Commission, the 18th Annual Humanities Festival will include exhibits, historic tours, an essay contest and more. More information, including a detailed schedule of events, will be posted on The Humanities Council^{SC} website in the coming months www.schumanities.org.

National Preservation Conference, October 12 – 22, 2011, Buffalo, NY. The theme of this year's conference is "Alternating Currents." The conference will feature educational sessions, tours, networking events, and more. More information will be available at <http://www.preservationnation.org/resources/training/npc/>. **Register by July 31 to take advantage of early registration discounts.**

NEW The Southeast Chapter of the Society of Architectural Historians 29th Annual Meeting, October 26 – 29, 2011, Charleston. The meeting includes paper sessions, plenary session, walking tour and study tour, as well as a reception and business lunch and awards ceremony. For more information go to <http://www.sesah.org/>.

NEW Heritage Development Summit, November 14 – 16, 2011, Clemson. Sponsored by the South Carolina National Heritage Corridor, this summit's theme is "Mission: Possible – Generating Partnerships to Spark Rural Communities". It will include sessions on the economics of being "green" in preservation, creating wealth in rural communities, making your city newcomer and visitor friendly, and leveraging partnerships to increase rural competitiveness. For more information see <http://www.2011heritagesummit.com/about-hds.html>.

Grant Application Deadlines

October 1, 2011, Preservation Services Fund Grants: Administered by the National Trust for Historic Preservation, these grants are awarded to nonprofit organizations and public agencies for preservation planning and education efforts. Grant awards range from \$500 to \$5,000. For more information, contact the Southern Office of the National Trust for Historic Preservation at 843-722-8552 or soro@nthp.org and visit the National Trust website at <http://www.preservationnation.org/resources/find-funding/>.

NEW August 10, 2011, Humanities Council^{SC} Major Grants: The next round for Major Grants (\$2000 - \$8000) are due August 10. Grants support public programs designed to be accessible by a broad audience, to serve

citizens in urban, rural, and small-town settings, and to make possible humanities programs that illuminate and enrich the lives of both audiences and scholars. Drafts are strongly encouraged and will be accepted any time prior to the deadline listed below. For more information see <http://schumanities.org/grants/howtoapply> or call 803-771-2477.

For More Grants Information

- <http://shpo.sc.gov/grants/otherincentives/>
- www.grants.gov
- <http://www.preservationdirectory.com/PreservationGeneralResources/GrantsFundingSources.aspx>
- www.npguides.org

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